

**Subject:** Comment on the Aleknagik Bridge  
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Hello,

My name is Marlene Andrews and I live on the North Shore of Aleknagik. I've been living in Aleknagik for approximately 3 years. Everyday I have to travel from the North Shore to the South Shore VIA Skiff / Sno-go and drive to Dillingham for my employment.

During spring break up and the fall freeze up, we have a VERY Difficult time having to cross the Alekngaik Lake. Just recently I could not cross due to the cold, windy, weather (kicker was frozen) and had to drive all the way back to Dillingham and stay with family. I also worry for our students who have to cross everyday. One year we had to walk across the lake on thin ice dragging a skiff and praying to God that we would not fall in. Very scary.

Another winter when the lake was frozen we had to cross with a sno-go in order to get groceries from Dillingham. On the way across we hit a bump and my God Daughter fell off and got her leg stuck in the snogo. I was able to get her out but her leg was broken. I was terrified. In the middle of the lake, all by ourselves. This could have been prevented if there was a bridge.

I know there have been a lot of deaths through out the years from people having to cross that lake. Please help in building us a bridge. So many benefits would come out of this small bridge that is needed so badly.

Thank you for your consideration.

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